



KANAWHA COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



Minutes

Katherine McCormick, Secretary
Meeting of May 7, 2019

Call to Order – Tresa Howell, Chairman

Invocation – Bill Huddleston

Pledge of Allegiance – Danny Stricklen

Roll Call – Donna Holstine, Vice Chair

Minutes – Minutes were approved with corrections, motioned by Suzie Azevedo, second by Danny Stricklen. Reaffirmation of Bill Huddleston's committee membership vote. The motion and second were not recorded during the last meeting. Suzie Azevedo motioned, second by Danny Stricklen. Motion passed.

Treasury's Report – Balance of \$8,592.72 approved by Donna Caruthers, second by Larry Medley. Motion passed.

Recognition of Special Guests

- WV State Senator Tom Takubo was planning to attend to speak on the education reform bill, however had a family engagement and could not attend the meeting. Diana Graves updated the committee regarding the special session on education. It is believed to start on May 20, 2019.
- Guest Speaker, Gubernatorial candidate Mike Folk, former WV Delegate was introduced by Chairman Howell. Mr. Folk spoke on the issues facing West Virginia and some of the steps that need to take place to correct those issues.

Committee Reports

- Nancy Kogoy sent a card out to Carolyn Stricklen's father.

Unfinished Business

- Lincoln Day Dinner was discussed with the date being June 8th. The Committee discussed purchasing two radio ads for \$100 total and \$200 Facebook advertising, the cost of tickets and sponsorship, \$500 deposit to UC and utilizing Carl Varney for the Facebook ad and access to the KCREC FB page to do so. The Committee received two \$500.00 donations, one from Delegate Eric Nelson and one from Moore Capito previously. The keynote speaker will be JB McCuskey. The venue is the Ballroom of the University of Charleston. There will be a cash bar. A motion was made by Donna Caruthers to accept the proposal and expenditures for the dinner and was second by Donna Holstine. The motion passed.
- South Charleston Armed Forces Day Parade is on May 18, 2019. Committee members are needed to participate. Suzie Azevedo, Donna Holstine and Delegate Graves will participate.
- Stephanie Abramowitz resigned as Secretary. Former Vice Chair and Secretary, Katherine McCormick accepted the offer to step into Stephanie's role. The motion was presented by Suzie Azevedo, second by Donna Holstine. The motion passed.

- Cross Roads was presented with the \$310.00 donation on April 3, 2019 that was collected by member donations in meeting on April 2, 2019. Suzie Azevedo attended their fundraising banquet. The Committee received a card of appreciation from Cross Roads.
- The committee stationary arrived.

New Business and Items discussed

- Unity Picnic is scheduled for September 15th. The cost will be \$250.00 for the venue at the Columbia Shelter at Coonskin. The motion was made by Michelle Wilshire and second by Dianna Brown for the expenditure. The motion passed.
- Elizabeth Warren will be in Kermit on May 10th. Chris Tubb with WV Republican Party addressed the Committee regarding the plans for her visit.
- Delegate Eric Nelson made a public announcement that he will be running for WV State Senate.
- Voters Registration Drives were discussed. A statewide effort will take place on June 1, 2019 and the committee will need to be out in the communities taking part. Volunteers are needed. Tresa Howell, Chairman will follow up with the members to coordinate. The democrats are losing at four times more registered voters than the GOP. A leftwing organization met in Marmet, they are working to increase their numbers, and we need to counter those actions with our message.
- Chris Pritt spoke about West Virginia for Life. There is a new chapter in Kanawha County. It has been many years since there was a chapter in Kanawha County.
- Woody Thrasher is on the schedule for August to address the Committee.
- Nathan Burdette with WVU Young Republicans will be going around to the colleges in the state working to start new chapters throughout the state.

Closing statement from Committeeman Howell is the need for Unity. We have a lot of work ahead of us with the upcoming elections and we need to work together in order for West Virginia to continue moving in the right direction.

The next committee meeting will be June 4, 2019 and will be held at Voters Registration in Charleston. Motion to adjourn made by Suzie Azevedo, second by John Kogoy. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Roll Call ~ Members

Suzie Azevedo
Diana Brown
Donna Caruthers
Dianna Graves
Donna Holstine
David Howell
Tresa Howell
Fred Joseph
John Kogoy
Nancy Kogoy
Frank Larese
Kay Larese

Ryan Lemmon
Anne Lieberman
Thorney Lieberman
Larry Medley
Janet O'Ferrell
Rob Potter
Carolyn Stricklen
Danny Stricklen
Greg Thomas
John Wilshire
Michelle Wilshire

Roll Call ~ Associates

Bill Huddleston
Sharon Malcolm
Chris Pritt
Johnathan Rogers